

Urban Renewal Grant Wins Approval

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SNEAK PREVIEW . . . Miss Ramona, puppeteer, and Mrs. Tillie Nikkel, children's librarian at the Isabel Henderson Library, show some of the puppets to be used in the library's last summer activity. The enraptured viewers are Craig Gartland, 4, Debbie Daniel, 10½, and Karen Gartland, 5. Miss Ramona will do her show, "Strings and Things" Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the library, located at 4805 Emerald St. (Press-Herald Photo)

Suspect in Murder of Torrance Officer Held

Suspect Hurt In Utah Crash

By ED FREUDENBURG
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Accused murderer Jerry Lee O'Brien is in custody near Salt Lake City, Utah, suffering from injuries sustained when his auto was totally demolished in an auto accident on a desert highway.

Tooele County Sheriff Fay Gillette notified Torrance Police Capt. Phillip Wilson about 10:30 Saturday morning that fingerprint cards forwarded by Torrance police compared identically with the injured man in the intensive care unit of Tooele Valley Hospital.

O'Brien has been the object of a statewide search as the prime suspect in the murder of Torrance Police Officer David Seibert.

If extradition proceedings are waived by O'Brien, he will be brought to Torrance as soon as it is possible, according to Police Captain Wilson.

If he refuses to waive proceedings, extradition will begin Monday by Torrance police, Captain Wilson said.

A preliminary check of fingerprints using a numerical checking system Friday tentatively offered proof that the hospitalized man was O'Brien. But, Torrance police sent fingerprint cards to the Tooele County Sheriff's Department for positive identification.



JERRY LEE O'BRIEN
Captured in Utah

turned around and traveled west until he lost control of his auto on a curve a short distance from the truck-stop diner.

Police said they found a large amount of money as well as a loaded 38-caliber revolver. However, a 45-caliber revolver was used to kill Officer Seibert as he entered the market's front door. Approximately \$15,000 was taken in the robbery. O'Brien also is believed to have robbed a Van Nuys pharmacy of narcotics.

O'Brien's mother, Mrs. Bettye Lee O'Brien, remains free on bail awaiting preliminary hearing for aiding her son's escape from a Tulare County prison farm June 25, and for receiving stolen property.

New Member

Harry E. Lex, chief accountant for Marshall Laboratories of Torrance, has been accepted as a member of the National Association of Accountants Southwest Los Angeles Chapter.

Council Cancels Meeting . . .

Torrance City Councilmen will not meet Tuesday for their regular session. The Council will reconvene Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 5:30 p.m. The city's Redevelopment Agency had not been scheduled to meet this week since it is the fifth meeting of the month. Several councilmen are expected to be out of town and on vacation, it was noted.

Cyclist's Condition Good . . .

Motorcycle rider Harold Corbett, 30, of 5500 Torrance Blvd., Apt. 35, was reported in good condition in the intensive care unit at Little Company of Mary Hospital Saturday, recovering from injuries sustained when his motorcycle collided with an auto Friday. Corbett was injured when he collided with an auto driven by Florence Moreno, of Riverside, on Hawthorne Boulevard near Del Amo Shopping Center. The victim, a flight instructor at Torrance Municipal Airport, was thrown from his motorcycle after being hit in the rear by the auto.

Gunman Gets \$45 in Loot . . .

A man described as a 27-year-old Mexican walked into the Southern California Gas Co., 1340 Post Ave., and took \$45 at gun point Friday from clerk Irene Williams. The clerk reported the man entered with a newspaper over the small-caliber revolver and left on foot, walking north on Craven Avenue about 10:45 a.m.

Cityhood Petition Is Filed

A petition seeking to incorporate the Carson-Dominguez community was filed with the County Board of Supervisors Thursday, just 54 days after the drive for cityhood formally opened.

John Junk, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Incorporation, said the petition contained 6,577 signatures, representing \$25,230,000 in assessed valuation.

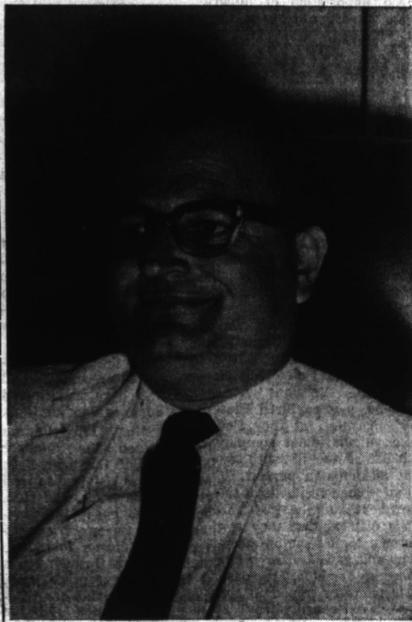
State law provides that signatures on the petition must represent at least 25 per cent of the landowners and 25 per cent of the proposed city's assessed valuation. Junk said the Carson-Dominguez petition contains signatures representing more than one-third of the landowners and valuation.

ONCE THE signatures have been verified, a hearing on the incorporation must be held. The county has 30 days in which to verify the signatures, according to James Mize, clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Purpose of the hearing, Mize explained, is to determine boundaries and to rule on any protests which may be filed against the incorporation move. A date for an election would be set if the petition is not rejected at that time.

Junk said an election probably could be scheduled within two or three months following the hearing. Mize reported that supervisors probably would call for a hearing four to six weeks after they receive the petition.

SHOULD THE petition be rejected, a new effort to incorporate the area cannot be launched for at least two years. (See CITYHOOD, Page A-2)



DR. RICHARD A. SULLIVANT
On Hospital Board

Medical Chief Named to Board

Richard A. Sullivant, M.D., a Torrance physician, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Sullivant, chief of the hospital's medical staff, fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Eugene Cook, of-staff in 1965.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Sullivant did post-graduate work and received a teaching credential in life science in 1951.

He attended Northwestern University Medical School and served his internship at Los Angeles County General Hospital. Dr. Sullivant served

his residency at Tulare County General Hospital.

In 1958, Dr. Sullivant entered general practice in Torrance with Dr. Howard Wood.

A member of the Torrance Memorial Hospital medical staff for the past 11 years, he also served as chief of staff in 1965.

He is a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the American Academy of General Practice.

Dr. Sullivant and his wife, Sidney Marie, are parents of three children.

No Chicken, I'll Take The Cash

Colonel Sander's fried chicken bucket was empty Tuesday night and so was his cash box when an armed bandit, denied some of the Colonel's chicken, took \$735 at gunpoint.

Manager Steve Crowell said a man entered the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, 16422 Crenshaw Blvd., at closing and ordered a bucket of chicken. But, Crowell told the man that they were out of chicken for the day.

Disappointed, the man then pulled a four-inch, 38-caliber revolver and demanded the receipts of the day.

After taking the money from the top of the cash drawer, the robber demanded the large bills in another section of the cash register.

The gunman also took \$12 and a wallet from Manuel Deniz, 33, 1168 W. 149th St., before fleeing.

Torrance Team Wins Top County Swimming Honors

An eight-member frogman team, composed of swimmers from the Torrance Recreation Department swimming team, walked off with first place honors in the County Junior Frogman Championships at Ford Park last week.

Entered in only two of the

Warrants Issued for Two Youths

Two alleged narcotics sellers were in police custody Thursday on bench warrants issued by South Bay Municipal Court after allegedly attempting to sell Torrance police vice officers drugs and marijuana.

Arrested for allegedly selling six marijuana cigarettes to a vice officer on July 12 for \$2 was Steven Perez, 19, of 2812 W. 176th St. Bail was set at \$1,100 by South Bay Municipal Judge George Perovich.

Officers said the arrest was made in the 3600 block of West 171st Street by vice officers. The alleged sale of marijuana took place July 20. Also arrested on a charge of selling dangerous drugs was John Woolley, 20, of 1217 W. 243rd St., Harbor City.

A police report said he attempted to sell a jar of "reds" for \$35 to officers July 20 on Middlebrook Avenue.

He was also held in lieu of \$1,100 on a bench warrant.

Thief Gets TV, Slot Machine

Contraband became stolen property when a burglar included a \$600 slot machine in his haul from the home of Marvin Hunt, 3904 W. 234th St., Thursday night.

Total value lost in the burglary was \$1,175 and also included a \$500 television and a typewriter. Approximately \$100 in nickels were reported taken with the slot machine.

four divisions, the Torrance team still managed to accumulate enough points in overall competition to win the team trophy.

Victor Katayama took first place in two events and second place in another and won the individual first place overall trophy. Bonnie Katayama, with first place awards in three events, captured the girls first place trophy.

Other members of the team include Joan Wilner, who took two first place awards and a third for an overall third place finish in the girls competition; Michele Mayo, who won first in two events; Marleen Musulin, first, second, and third place awards; Bob Musulin, who won first and third place honors in two events; Rick Friedman, with first, third and fourth place awards; and Jeff Nelsen, who won one third place medal.

The events in which they competed included free style, underwater swim, mask clearing, recovery of objects off

the bottom, tube rescue (a two-man rescue operation for the fastest time), and the Neptune Relay (a combination of all the events).

Drugs, Cash Taken From Pharmacy

Drugs and \$350 in cash were taken from the pharmacy in the White Front, 21250 Hawthorne Blvd., Monday night by a thief who broke in through a false ceiling.

Investigators found footprints on ceiling panels in the store which would indicate that the thief crossed over a wall by removing the panels from the inside of the store. This burglary, totaling \$410, was the third in recent weeks at the store.

Included in the burglar's haul were assorted drugs.

Renewal Project to Begin Soon

Federal approval of a \$3.5 million grant to finance the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project was announced here Thursday.

The city was notified of the federal action by Congressman Cecil King (D-17th District), who said approval of the Part II application by the Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD) means a grant of \$3,521,000 will be released shortly.

The federal action climaxes a two and one-half year program and means actual acquisition of property in the 55.7-acre area at the west end of the Torrance Municipal Airport can begin soon.

Plans, approved after public hearings before the city council and the city's Redevelopment Agency earlier this year, call for the area to be cleared and developed as an industrial park.

Lawrence Irwin, deputy executive director of the city's Redevelopment Agency, told the Press-Herald that contracts and other "red tape"

will require about a month to complete.

"We expect to start buying property in a month," Irwin said.

In addition to the \$3.5 million grant, the city also has a loan authorization of \$3.5 million to provide additional financing.

Under the urban renewal program, the city will provide one-third of the funds required for development of the project. Irwin said the city's \$1.5 million share would be provided in three phases.

They include some \$500,000 in properties acquired under an "early acquisition program" designed to aid persons suffering hardships because of a building moratorium in effect in the area; installation of streets, sewers, and other similar improvements, estimated to cost about \$500,000; and \$500,000 in cash.

Irwin told the Press-Herald that buildings in the area will be demolished as they are acquired by the Redevel-

opment Agency and that total clearance of the area should be completed within two years.

"Because of the nature of the improvements — underground utilities, streets, and drainage facilities," Irwin said, "we can't develop partially. We must acquire all property first."

He estimated the industrial park would be fully developed in five years.

The plans call for converting 32.7 acres of the total area into an airport oriented industrial park with from 25 to 30 sites available. Direct access to the Torrance Municipal Airport will be provided for several sites.

Individual families and businessmen now in the area will receive help in finding new locations and relocation expenses will be paid—at least in part—by the Redevelopment Agency. Occupants may remain in the area after their property has been acquired by the agency Under rental agreements, Irwin said.